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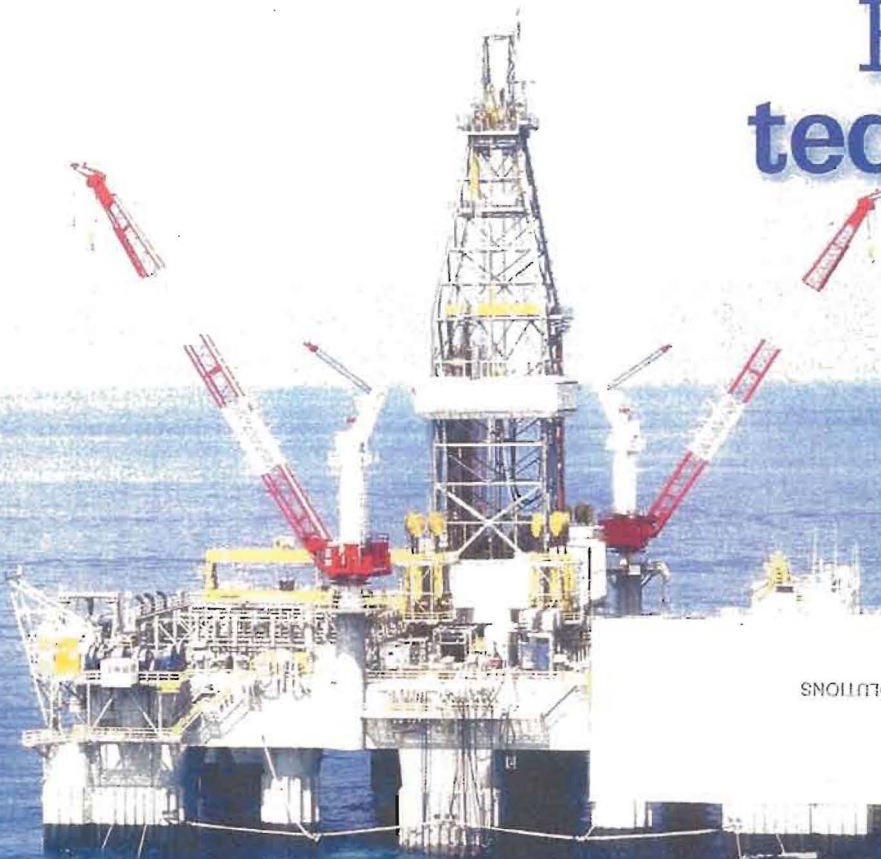
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Voices



Given the disastrous attempt to drill exploration wells in the Arctic Ocean in 2012, the

new Secretary should suspend all activities on Arctic Ocean leases and undertake a thorough, independent assessment of what went wrong and how decisions were made to allow such risky activity. The Secretary should **focus on comprehensive planning for the Arctic** that includes identifying important ecological areas, demonstrating response capability, and fairly balancing risks and benefits.

Susan Murray, deputy vice president, Pacific, Oceana

Taking the reins.

US Department of the Interior Secretary Ken Salazar will resign his position at the end of this month, after four years in the Obama White House. With the nomination of REI chief Sally Jewell last month, *OE* asked: "On what key offshore issue should the incoming secretary focus in 2013?"



Secretary Jewell will inherit an offshore US oil and gas leasing plan that is not new. It restricts the oil and natural gas industry

to the same areas of exploration that we've been searching for decades. In 2008, moratoria were lifted and the door opened to exploration for 85% of offshore areas. Instead of crossing the threshold into American energy security, the current five-year plan shuts the door on billions of barrels of oil, trillions of cubic feet of gas, billions in additional federal revenue, and tens of thousands of new jobs. Secretary Jewell should **immediately initiate a truly new five-year plan** and uphold the President's pledge to streamline the permitting process.

Randall Luthi, president, National Ocean Industries Association

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The Department of the Interior is key to the future of American energy policy. President Obama campaigned on implementing a true 'all of the above' energy plan for America. This opportunity could create millions

of new jobs here at home and generate hundreds of billions of dollars for the federal government at a time we need it most. However, 87% of the offshore areas controlled by the federal government are still off-limits to oil and natural gas development.

Increasing access to America's vast energy resources should be a top priority for the next Interior Secretary.

Jack Gerard, president and CEO of the American Petroleum Institute



I would point to the Secretary of Interior's need to **focus on the Arctic**. It isn't the highest near-term potential energy source, but it has significant long-term potential and will have implications for energy production and environmental protection across international borders. It is a key issue now, given the setbacks in Shell's drilling and the strict licensing regime.

Neil Robert Brown, staff member, US Senate Foreign Relations Committee

As an industry we have a fundamental responsibility to manage our business in a safe and environmentally conscious manner. I would challenge the Department of the Interior to **look at processes that drive efficiencies** while satisfying the need to ensure that proper engineering design, compliance, and due diligence is being conducted. Their focus needs to go beyond permitting and cover efficiencies across the entire well delivery process.

(See 'On the Move', page 77, for more on Dan Gualtieri.)

Dan Gualtieri, vice president of Production Solutions, Knowledge Reservoir



of the market and our aim is to be the preferred partner for reeled products and services,” Conroy says of what attracted him to his new position.

“It is a great opportunity for me as an ex-engineer to work for a true engineering company. Aquatic is first and foremost an installer of flexible product and has a track record second-to-none in engineering and delivering projects in-line with our customer’s demands.”

Conroy spent 12 years as an engineer, previously working as a design engineer for Expro Group, before moving into sales. Conroy says the move into sales is a more natural fit.

“I understood the principles of engineering; I liked engineering, but found my strength was exploring and understanding the customers’ requirements and coming up with a commercially workable solution,” Conroy says of his transition. “I like dealing with people and couldn’t sit still behind a desk,” he says light heartedly.



Leveraging big data

Energy consultants Knowledge Reservoir named **Dan Gualtieri** vice president of production solutions in January. Gualtieri previously

worked with Baker Hughes, Halliburton, Boots & Coots and Weatherford International, where he touched upon all aspects of the oil field.

“Every two to three years I’d go into a new role focusing on projects in a different aspect of the well delivery process – stimulation diagnostics, wireline, digital asset solutions, intelligent completions, shale strategies, consulting, project management, and others,” he says.

“Understanding an operator’s needs and having a strong aptitude for project management allowed me to be of value to Knowledge Reservoir and apply what I had learned across the board.”

Gualtieri says he’s joining Knowledge Reservoir at an exciting time due to the company’s focus on full field development strategies as well as the launch of new knowledge-sharing platforms that will allow it to leverage big data.

“The company has a strong knowledge sharing strategy, initiated with its release of the deepwater knowledge base, ReservoirKB, in 2003,” Gualtieri says. “The subscription based service expands on public domain data with layers of independent interpretation and analysis.”

This year Knowledge Reservoir will release two platforms dedicated to unconventional resources and enhanced oil recovery.



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